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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Geologists

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: November 8, 2013

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Reinhold, President, Professional Member Douglas Rambo, Vice President, Professional Member William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Professional Member Scott Blaier, Professional Member Patricia Ennis, Public Member Maureene LaFate, Public Member

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amos Aiken, Public Member

#### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

None

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Reinhold called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 13, 2013 meeting. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ennis, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

# Review of Rules and Regulations (to add in-active status)

Ms. McAtee stated that she spoke to the Division's system administrator and had some comments on the draft of the in-active status regulation. The first minor suggestion would be to take out the word "prorated" when discussing reactivation fees. Ms. McAtee stated that the Division did not prorate fees and fees associated with inactive status were processing fees and were not prorated by the Division. Ms. McAtee also explained that the Division did not have the capability to facilitate a hybrid inactive status, which the current inactive draft contained. The inactive status would need to be for a fixed period or renewable every two years. Ms. McAtee recommended a five year fixed period to the Board, as that term was originally discussed and would give licensees some flexibility. Any licensee on an inactive status would need to show continuing education before reactivating their license, regardless of their inactive status time period.

Ms. McAtee also asked the Board to consider amending the language in areas such as Rule 5.4 to state that a license would terminate rather than expire. Rule 5.4 stated, "Failure of a licensee to renew his/her lapsed license within the three (3) month period in item 5.3 above shall cause his/her license to expire." Rule 5.4 allowed for late license

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renewals for a three month period and then after the three month period a licensee would have to reapply for licensure.

The Board discussed the revisions that Ms. McAtee suggested. Ms. Singh redrafted the inactive status regulation change with the changes discussed and presented the Board with a new draft. The Board reviewed the revised inactive status draft and after discussion, Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the new draft of the amended Rules and Regulations which included the addition of the inactive status. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Singh stated that she would submit the Rules and Regulations change to the Register of Regulations for publication in the November register and the Rules and Regulations hearing would be held at the December 13, 2013 meeting.

### Re-Review of Audits - none

## **ASBOG Task-Analysis Survey (TAS) Update**

Mr. Schenck stated that he assisted Mr. Reinhold in communicating with the Division of Professional Regulation and with ASBOG to facilitate the transfer of information to ASBOG to complete the task-analysis survey (TAS). Ms. McAtee stated that the Division reviewed the letter that was sent on the Board's behalf and was willing to work with ASBOG to complete the TAS.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Practice Under Supervision - none

# **Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications**

Ronald Wesley - University of Delaware Dept. of Geological Sciences - Fall/Spring Seminar Series

Mr. Schenck summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Schenck stated that Ronald Wesley was requesting continuing education credit for several courses that were a part of the University of Delaware Dept. of Geological Sciences fall and spring seminar series. Mr. Schenck reviewed Mr. Wesley's request as follows:

September 12, 2013 Departmental Safety Seminar, Mr. Schenck would not recommend approval because the safety seminar lacked geological content and was a seminar everyone in the department took.

November 14, 2013 TBA, Mr. Schenck would not recommend approval on a course that was to be announced because there were no course details provided.

September 5, 2013 Bacterial communities in rock coatings from Larkevagge, Swedish Lapland – approved for 1 CEU

September 10, 2013 The Okinawa Trough Subsurface Biosphere: Microbial Communities in Hydrothermal Systems – approved for 1 CEU

September 26, 2013 Global and Regional Perspectives on Sediment Flux to the World's Oceans – approved for 1 CEU

October 10, 2013 Evolving understanding of an old aquifer: the Cambrian sandstone of the Upper Midwest – approved for 1 CEU

October 17, 2013 Micro-to-macro Tectonics of the Central Appalachians: Insights from monazite and detrital zircon geochronology – approved for 1 CEU

November 7, 2013 Process controls on stratigraphic completeness and basin filling sedimentation patterns along passive margins – approved for 1 CEU

November 21, 2013 Earth's Deep-Time Insight into Our Climate Future – approved for 1 CEU

Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier; to approve all of the courses listed in the University Of Delaware Dept. Of Geological Sciences fall and spring seminar series for 1 CEU as listed above, except for the September 12, 2013 Departmental Safety Seminar and the November 14, 2013 TBA course offering. The motion carried unanimously.

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# **Review of Application for Reciprocity**

Jenny DeBoer

Mr. Rambo reviewed the reciprocity application for Jenny DeBoer for the Board. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ennis, to approve Jenny DeBoer for reciprocal licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Carl Rinkevich II

Mr. Rambo reviewed the reciprocity application for Carl Rinkevich II for the Board. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by seconded by Mr. Blaier, to approve Carl Rinkevich II for reciprocal licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Review of Applications for Examination**

Paul Botek

Mr. Rambo reviewed the application by examination for Paul Botek, and stated that Mr. Botek did not have 2 years' experience in the State of Virginia, so he could not apply by reciprocity and therefore he applied by examination. Mr. Botek had already taken and passed both the FG and PG examinations and had met all requirements for licensure in the State of Delaware. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the application for Paul Botek for licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

# **Board Deliberation and Vote on Hearing Officer Recommendations**

# Correspondence from Richard Wardrop

Ms. McAtee explained that a miscommunication occurred between the Division's operations department and Mr. Wardrop. Mr. Wardrop was under the impression that he had a year to renew his lapsed license but a regulation had changed during renewal which shortened that period to three months. Mr. Wardrop's license was now expired and he would have to reapply for licensure. Ms. McAtee stated that Mr. Wardrop did not receive communications that his time had shortened from one year to three months to renew his lapsed license. After discussion, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ennis, to allow Mr. Wardrop to renew his license and that he would be audited for the licensure period of 2010-2012.

#### **Review of 2014 Board Meeting Dates**

Ms. McAtee presented the Board with a list of 2014 meeting dates. The Board would continue to meet on the second Friday of every month.

## OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

#### WALL CERTIFICATES

There were no wall certificates to sign at this meeting.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this meeting.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda McAtee – DE Board of Geologists

Administrative Specialist II